

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Stan & Priscilla Peters

THE ELDERS & CHURCH COUNCIL meet this Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 6:30pm and 7:00pm respectively.

THE VOTERS' MEETING for the first quarter is Sunday, January 10.

MASK-REQUIRED SERVICES will continue to be held **every** Wednesday at 11:00am.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will resume this Thursday, January 7 at 7:00pm. *Note the time change!* Treats and coffee will continue as usual.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will resume next Sunday, Jan. 10 at 11:30am.

THANK YOU for your many thoughtful cards and generous gifts this Christmas. We are truly blessed to be part of this family of Faith.

- Pastor, Megan, Aaron, & Josiah

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 3	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion
(Christmas 2)	9:00am Bible Study
	Installation of Congregation Officers
Tue. Jan. 5	6:30 / 7:00pm Elders / Council
Wed. Jan. 6	11:00am Holy Communion
(Epiphany)	7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Jan. 7	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Jan. 10	8:00 & 10:00am Worship
	9:00am Voters' Meeting
	9:00am Sunday School
	11:30am Confirmation

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: January 10 / Baptism of Jesus

OT: Isaiah 42:1-7

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

HYMN: LSB 406

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “*to fulfill all righteousness*” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “*Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “*chosen*” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus through death into the promised land of new life with God.